## CRIT LUALLEN State Auditor

Crit Luallen was elected Kentucky's Auditor of Public Accounts in November of 2003. Ms. Luallen won statewide office on her first foray into elective politics after a distinguished career in public service. This service began in 1974 when she served as a campaign staff member to Wendell Ford and culminated in her nearly seven years as Secretary of the Governor's Executive Cabinet, then the highest appointed position in Kentucky state government.

Luallen also served as State Budget Director, Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, Secretary of the Kentucky Tourism Cabinet, and Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of the Arts. She also spent four years in Louisville and served as President of the Greater Louisville Economic Development Partnership, a regional economic development agency. In 2001 Luallen was awarded the National Excellence in Leadership Award by Women Executives in State Government.

Crit Luallen has played a key role in many significant policy initiatives, including the historic Higher Education Reforms of 1997 and the Early Childhood Development initiative. Ms. Luallen also chaired EMPOWER Kentucky, a government efficiency initiative that produced savings to Kentucky taxpayers of \$600 million.

Luallen is a native of Frankfort, a graduate of Centre College where she serves on the Board of Trustees and is married to Lynn Luallen, retired CEO of the Kentucky Housing Corporation and current president of The Louisville Housing Partnership.